

Michael Walter Fitzgerald, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, Ronnie Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Gillibrand and Coons, Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, and Miranda Du, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Irvin Charles McCullough III, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3085–3092; 1 private bill, H.R. 3093; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 420–421 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H6551–52

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Jerry Creel, Brush Arbor Baptist Church, Orlando, FL.

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Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 and EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities and H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators by a yeas-and-nays vote of 257 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 746, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6523–28, H6532–33

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608, to provide for an additional temporary extension of

programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 352 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 745.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Brooks, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 420, electing certain Members to certain standing committees.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6533.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6552–56.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6531–32, H6532–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE U.S. MILITARY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Former Service Chiefs and Vice Chiefs. Testimony was heard from General John Jumper, USAF

(ret.), former Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Steven Blum, USA (ret.), former Chief, National Guard Bureau; and General Richard Cody, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

MODERNIZING THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Modernizing the Workforce Investment Act: Developing an Effective Job Training System for Workers and Employers.” Testimony was heard from Kristen Cox, Executive Director, Utah Department of Workforce Services; and public witnesses.

AUDIT THE FED: DOD–FRANK, QE3, AND FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Audit the Fed: Dodd-Frank, QE3, and Federal Reserve Transparency.” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams Brown, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade: held a hearing entitled “The World Bank and Multi Lateral Development Banks’ Authorization.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHY TAIWAN MATTERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why Taiwan Matters, Part II.” Testimony was heard from Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Peter Lavoy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

MÉRIDA PART TWO: INSURGENCY AND TERRORISM IN MEXICO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere; and the Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a joint hearing entitled “Mérida Part Two: Insurgency and Terrorism in Mexico.” Testimony was heard from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Rodney G. Benson, Assistant Administrator, Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Mariko Silver, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security.

POLICY TOWARD SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “A Comprehensive Assessment of U.S. Policy Toward Sudan.” Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Special Envoy for Sudan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DOES ADMINISTRATIVE AMNESTY HARM OUR EFFORTS TO GAIN AND MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE BORDER?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Does Administrative Amnesty Harm our Efforts to Gain and Maintain Operational Control of the Border?” Testimony was heard from Michael J. Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Kumar C. Kibble, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Ruth Ellen Wasem, Specialist in Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S NEW NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indians and Alaska Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2938, the “Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Franks of Arizona; Paula Hart, Director of the Office of Indian Gaming, Department of the Interior; Eric J. Bistrow, Chief Deputy, Office of the Arizona Attorney General; Robert “Bob” Barrett, Mayor, Peoria, Arizona; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2563, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg

National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; and H.R. 854, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Rep. Hall; Rep. Platts; Rep. Farr; Stephen E. Whitesell, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FINAL REPORT TO CONGRESS OF THE COMMISSION ON WARTIME CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Where is the Peace Dividend? Examining the Final Report to Congress of the Commission on Wartime Contracting.” Testimony was heard from members of the Commission on Wartime.

QUALITY SCIENCE FOR QUALITY AIR

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Quality Science for Quality Air.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING THE TAXPAYER FROM AN UNACHIEVABLE COAST GUARD ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “What Will It Cost: Protecting the Taxpayer from an Unachievable Coast Guard Acquisition Program.” Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and John Hutton, Government Accountability Office.

CYBER THREATS AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE NATION

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cyber Threats and Ongoing Efforts to Protect the Nation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the economic implications of the Federal budget deficit, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nomination of John Edgar Bryson, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce, and a promotion list in the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Adrienne S. O’Neal, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ernest Mitchell, Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine food service management contracts, focusing on if contractors are overcharging the government, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine considering the role of judges under the Constitution of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Workplace Safety: Ensuring a Responsible Regulatory Environment.” 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Protecting Children’s Privacy in an Electronic World.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Administration Efforts on Line-by-Line Budget Review.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, markup of the following: H.R. 1965, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes; H.R. 2167, the “Private Company Flexibility and Growth Act”; H.R. 2930, the “Entrepreneur Access to Capital Act”; H.R. 2940, the “Access to Capital for Job Creators Act”; and legislation regarding the “Small Company Job Growth and Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.